

TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE;

My name is Catherine Harrington and I have lived in Maine all my life. I am a mom of 3 and a grandmother of 14. I am here in opposition to LD1619.

When my boys were growing into young adults, we had the abortion talk. I told them that if they got a they girl pregnant, they would not have any say in if she had the baby or aborted it. Now we are faced with the fact that this girl could now decide to abort the baby just before she was due to give birth.

This baby could be killed before it had a chance to take it's first breath. I cannot imagine this happening, yet here we are.

Who would this baby be if left to be born and grow up? Are we saying it's ok to kill this baby for convenience? Abortion is legal up to viability already, why do we need to make it ok up until birth? This is a baby that would be born and grow up to be someone special. What right do we have to sacrifice this child? It's not necessary, nor is it right. Please don't sentence these innocent and helpless babies to death. When you vote, it's in your power. Please use your vote wisely. I'm begging you for those that don't have a voice yet.

Catherine Harrington